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In re Application of:

Richard J. Croft, et al.

Serial No. 09/061,084

Filing Date: April 15, 1998

For: SEED PLANTER APPARATUS AND METHOD

Examiner: Christopher J. Novosad

Group Art Unit No: 3671

## RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

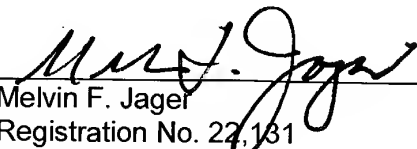
Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 21, 1999, applicants elect to prosecute claims to the invention defined by the Examiner as Species I. Claims 1-7, 11, 12, 16-22 and 40-46 read on this invention. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims directed to one or more other inventions (II, III and IV) will be considered only upon allowance of a generic claim.

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The election is made without traverse. The remaining claims are retained in the application pending action on the merits of the elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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